

Introduced by Senator Aanestad

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An act to amend Section 37700 of the Education Code, relating to schooldays.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 674, as introduced, Aanestad. Four-day school week.

Existing law authorizes the Pacific Unified School District and the Leggett Valley Unified School District to operate one or more schools in their districts on a 4-day school week, so long as the district complies with specified requirements, including, instructional time requirements.

This bill would additionally authorize the Reeds Creek Elementary School District to operate one or more schools in the district on a 4-day school week. The bill would also authorize those schools that operate on a 4-day week to offer independent study on the fifth day of each week if a pupil attending the independent study receives and completes the amount of course work that is equivalent to the amount of course work received and completed in a classroom instructional day. The bill would provide that the independent study shall count for purposes of average daily attendance and count towards instructional time and days.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 37700 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

1 37700. (a) Notwithstanding any other ~~provision of~~ law, the
2 Pacific Unified School District ~~and~~, the Leggett Valley Unified
3 School District, *and the Reeds Creek Elementary School District*
4 may operate one or more schools in their respective districts on a
5 four-day school week, ~~so long as if~~ the district complies with the
6 instructional time requirements specified in Section 37701 and the
7 other requirements of this chapter.

8 (b) If a school district operates one or more schools on a
9 four-day week pursuant to this section and the program for the
10 school year provides less than the 180 days of instruction required
11 under Section 46200, the Superintendent of Public Instruction
12 shall reduce the base revenue limit per unit of average daily
13 attendance for that fiscal year by the amount the school district
14 would have received for the increase received pursuant to
15 subdivision (a) of Section 46200, as adjusted in fiscal years
16 subsequent to the 1984–85 fiscal year. If a school district operates
17 one or more schools on a four-day school week pursuant to this
18 section and the program provides less than the minimum
19 instructional minutes required under Section 46201, the
20 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall reduce the base revenue
21 limit per unit of average daily attendance for that fiscal year in
22 which the reduction occurs by the amount the school district would
23 have received for the increase in the 1987–88 fiscal year base
24 revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance pursuant to
25 paragraph ~~(4)~~ (6) of subdivision (b) of Section 42238, as adjusted
26 in the 1987–88 fiscal year and fiscal years thereafter.

27 (c) *A school district that operates a school on a four-day week*
28 *may offer independent study on the fifth day of each week if a pupil*
29 *attending the independent study receives and completes the*
30 *amount of course work that is equivalent to the amount of course*
31 *work received and completed in a classroom instructional day. The*
32 *independent study shall be counted for purposes of average daily*
33 *attendance and shall be counted as instructional time and days for*
34 *the purposes of Sections 37701, 46200, and 46201.*